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Complainant,

Ed Martin

6037 Hampton Avenue,

St. Louis, MO 63109; and

Ed:Martin for Congress

6037 Hampton Avenue,

St. Louis, MO 63109; and

Randall J. McArthur

Treasurer, Ed Martin for Congress

11971 Autumn Lakes Drive,

Maryland Heights, MO 63043; and

SaveAB.com for America

6037 Hampton Avenue,

St. Louis, MO 63109,

Paid and Authorized by Russ Carnahan in Congress Committee
Printed In-House

Respondents.

COMPLAINT

Complainant files this complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) (2010) against Ed Martin; his campaign committee, Ed Martin for Congress (the "Committee"); and SaveAB.com for America ("SaveAB.com"), (collectively "Respondents") for violations of the Federal Election Compaign Act of 1971, as americad ("FECA"). Ed Martin appears to have transferred corporate assets, faciliding an extensive mailing list and a website, from SaveAB.com to the Committee in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441b. Martin and the Committee also have failed to include the proper disclaimer on the website and emails sent to the mailing list in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441d.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Ed Martin is a candidate for the United States House of Representatives from Missouri's Third Congressional District. Martin filed his Statement of Candidacy with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") on July 21, 2009. The Committee filed its Statement of Organization on July 29, 2009. The address listed for Martin and the Committee on their Statements is 6037 Hampton Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, 63109.

Prior to running for Congress, Martin om SaveAB.com, a non-profit corporation organized to oppose the sale of Anheuser-Busch to a foreign company. Martin incorporated SaveAB.com as a nonprofit corporation in Missouri on July 3, 2008.¹ The address listed for SaveAB.com was the same one now-used by the Committee. Over the past year, SaveAB.com operated a website, www.saveab.com, through which it asked visitors to register for a mailing list if they opposed the sale of Anheuser-Busch.²

See SaveRB.com for Armorica, Artificles of Incorporation of a Monprofit Corporation, July 3, 2008, strached hereto as Exhibit A.

See David A. Lieb, "SaveAB Web site points people to Martin campaign," News Tribune, Dec. 12, 2009, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Reportedly, nearly 85,000 individuals provided their names. The website is registered to Scott

Leiendecker, the Republican Director of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis.³

SaveAB.com was dissolved on March 13, 2009. According to SaveAB.com's Articles of incorporation, "the assets of the corporation will be distributed on dissolution ... to charity." However, it appears that its assets were transferred to Martin and the Committee instead. Martin has used both the SaveAb.com downain name and the SaveAB.com mailing list to support his felleral compliancy.

While Martin states that he shut derve the SaveAB.com vielisite prior to starting his campaign, he recently re-launched it. Currently, the only page on the website promotes Martin's federal candidacy and provides a link to the Committee's official website, as follows:7

Ed Martin has decided to take this fighting spirit to Congress. He is running for Congress in the Third Congressional District right here in Missouri — this district includes the old headquarters of A-B down on Pestalozzi Street. (Third Congressional District consists of St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jefferson County and St. Genevieve)

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If you are interested in finding out more, or joining Ed Martin in this endeavor, visit his website TODAY:

See Whois.com report regarding www.saveab.com and Board of Election Commissions for the City of St. Louis,

Press Release, April 7, 2009, available at http://www.stielections.com/april 7 middayrelease.pdf, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit C.

See SaveAB.com for America, Articles of Termination For a Nonprofit Corporation, March 31, 2009, attached hereto as Exhibit D.

⁵ See Exhibit A.

See Exhibit B.

⁷ See which SaveAb.com, last visited January 21, 2010, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

Furthermore, in December 2009, Martin sent an email from a www.savab.com domain name to over 40,000 people who had signed up at SaveAB.com; the received contained identical content to the posting currency on the webpage. Furthermore, if an individual clicked on the pampaign link appearing on SaveAB.com and the email, they were greeted by a special SaveAB.com welcome message on the Committee's website. Although Martin is apparently operating the SaveAB.com website and sending emails from SaveAB.com addresses on behalf of his Committee, neither the website nor the emails displayed a proper discialmer.

The Committee's reports filed with the Commission include no entries related to the

SaveAB.com domain name or the SaveAB.com mailing list. There is no indication that the Committee

made any expenditures to pay SaveAB.com for its assets. Furthermore, there is no record of an in-kind contribution from Scott Leiendecker, the registered owner of the domain name, or anyone else purperting to give the Committee access to the website or the list as an in-kind contribution. Witile

SaveAB.com was required to give its assets to charity, it is unclear if it actually did so. It appears that the corporate assets were simply transferred to Martin and his Committee without either having to pay for them.

LEGAL ARGUMENT

Receipt of Corporate Contributions

⁸ A copy of the email is attached hereto as Exhibit F.

See http://edmartinforcongress.com/saveab/, last visited January 21, 2010, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit G.

At the time of this filing, only the Committee's October 2009 report is available on the FEC's website.

Pursuant to FECA, "[i]t is unlawful for ... any corporation ... to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election at which ... a Representative in ... Congress [is] to be voted for and for "any candidate, political committee, or other person knowingly to accept or receive any contribution" from a corporation. 2 U.S.C. § 441b; see also 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(b). Furthermore, "the provision of any goods or services without charge or at a charge that is less than the usual and normal charge for such goods or services is a contribution." 11 C.F.R. § 100.52(d)(1).

contribution of SaveAB.com's corporate assets. Although its Articles of Incorporation required it to give all of its assets to charity upon dissolution, SaveAB.com appears to have simply transferred everything it had to Martin's campaign. Martin and his Committee are using SaveAB.com's domain name and its valuable mailing list, reportedly consisting of nearly 85,000 names, in support of Martin's campaign without making any payment for them. The fact that SaveAB.com was recently dissolved is inapposite; a candidate cannot raid a corporation that he controls for his federal campaign, and then circumvent 2 U.S.C. § 441b by then simply dissolving it. Furthermore, the fact that SaveAB.com was terminated under Missouri law also does not change the fact that Martin and the Committee are benefiting by impermissibly using SaveAB.com's corporate name and corporate logo on its campaign materials. Sea FEC Adv. Op. 2007-10 (August 21, 2007).

2. Failure to Include Proper Disclaimer on Electronic Mail and Website

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441d and 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a), all "electronic mail of more than 500 substantially similar communications when sent by a political committee; and all internet websites of political committees available to the general public ... must include disclaimers."

Here, Martin re-launched SaveAB.com and sent out an email to over 40,000 people on behalf of the Committee. While the website and email contained the campaign's logo, it did not include the

disclaimer specified in 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(b). The words "Paid for by Ed Martin for Congress" do not appear anywhere on either of the communications.

REQUESTED ACTION

Respondents have violated FECA by making and accepting illegal in-kind corporate contributions and failing to include the required disclaimers on their emails and website. We request that the FEC investigate these violations, emjoin Respondents from further violations, and assign the maximum fines permitted by law.

Sincerely,

[NAME and TITLE]

[Address]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this /St day of November, 2010.

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My Commission Expires:

March 1, 2011



MARY CAMPBELL
My Commission Expires
Merch 18, 2011
Jefferson County
Commission #07390350

EXHIBIT A



City, State, and Zip Code:

State of Missouri Robin Carnahan, Secretary of State

Corporations Division P.O. Box 778 / 660 W. Main Street, Ray 322 Jefferson City, 160 65162 File Number: N00906214 Date Filed: 07/03/2008 Robin Carnahan Secretary of State

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Robin Carnahan Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
MISSOURI NONPROFIT

WHEREAS, Articles of Incorporation of

SaveAB.com For America NO0906214

have been received and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, which Articles, in all respects, comply with the requirements of Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBIN CARNAHAN, Secretary of the State of Missouri do by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby certify and declare this entity a body corporate, duly organized this date and that it is entitled to all rights and privileges granted corporations organized under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 3rd day of July, 2008.

Robin Carmalan

Secretary of State



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EXHIBIT B

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Posted: Saturday, Dec 12, 2009 - 09:46:08 am CST

SaveAB Web site points people to Martin campaign

By DAVID A. LIEB Associated Press Writer

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An Internet site created to oppose the sale of Anheuser-Busch to a Belgian brewer now is pointing people to a Missouri congressional candidate.

Republican Ed Martin founded the numerolit group "SaveAB.com for America" less year and faunthed a Web site that signed up nearly 65,060 people against the sale of the St. Louis brewery to InBev. The effort failed to stop the brewery deal.

Martin, who served as chief of staff to forenor Republican Gev. Matt Bluet, annuanced this fall that be is challesging Democratic U.S. Rep. Russ Carnahan, of St. Louis, in the 2010 election.

Before launching his campaign, Martin said, the SaveAB Web site was taken down.

But the Web site recently went live again with a message bemoaning layoffs and cuts by Antieuser-Busch InBev SA, thanking various supporters and noting Martin is running for Congress. The revived SaveAB.com prowidts a link to North's wanguign Web site for those "injurested in finding put mire or joining Ed Martin."

Eatlier this week, a SareAB e-mail economic was qualit in seed as fitnelical avecage to almost 40,000 people who had prevising their e-mail addresses to the group.

Martin said Friday that since becoming a candidate he had received several inquiries about the SaveAB effort and wanted to update people both about the defunct organization and his current codesyors.

<u>"My intention was not to use the list for the campaign or to promote me over Russ Camahan or anything, it...</u> was to close the loop on the questions." Martin said.

Felibral (Estation Commission regulations prohibit corporations from maining suppenditures "for communications that expressly advocate the election or defeat" of particular candidates.

The revived Savelite Web aids and e-mail "appears to be express advocacy" for Martin, said Paul Ryan, an associate legal counsel and the FEC program director for The Campaign Legal Center in Washington, D.C. The nonpartisan center analyzes campaign finance and election law issues.

Martin voluntarily dissolved SaveAB as a nonprofit corporation in March. Consequently, those particular Federal Election Commission regulations no longer apply to it, Ryan said.

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Whois Search Results

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For Immediate Release: April 7, 2009

Contact: Scott Leiendecker 314.589.6211 Cell 314.398.5660

General Election Running Smoothly Polls Close Tonight at 7:00 p.m.!

(St. Louis, Missouri) St. Louis City Election Director Scott Leiendecker said today's General Municipal Election is running smoothly with about 15 percent turnout expected. The polls in St. Louis City opened on time this morning at 6:00 a.m. and will close tonight at 7:00 p.m.

"The election is canning emecticly and me are expenting about 15 percent turneut," Leitzelector stid. "We expect turneut will continue to be signed in the afternoon hours before the 5 o'clock rush."

The Board is asking the media to get the word out about the election to let voters know they have until 7:00 p.m. to cast their ballot.

The Board will begin reporting absentee totals soon after the polls close and will report the full results as soon as possible. Citizens can access the results at the Board of Elections or by visiting its website at http://www.stlelections.com

The April General Estation consists of cardidates eaching the office of Mayor, Companiller and Aldermon/wemen for cald manifested Wards.

April 7 General Municipal Election Information

Your Polling Place: To find your polling place, look for your election notice card in the mail, visit http://www.stlelections.com/ or contact the Board at 314-622-4336.

To Vote: Voters may present any of the following forms of personal identification: identification issued by the State of Missouri, a state agency, a local election authority, the U.S. Government, a federal agency or an institution of higher education proceed in Missouri; a consent satisfy bill, bank statement, government chesis, payment or other government chesis, payment in voter's name and current address; a driver license or state ID issued by another state; or other identification approved by the Secretary of State.

To Report Suspicious Activity: Anyono who mitnesses suspicious or fraudulent activity at any St. Louis City polling place may report such activity at http://www.stlelections.com or by calling 314-622-4336.

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Articles of Termination For a Nonprofit Corporation

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CERTIFICATE OF TERMINATION

WHEREAS, a Request for Termination of

SaveAB.com For America N00906214

a corporation organized and existing under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law, has been received, found to conform to law, and filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBIN CARNAHAN, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, issue this Certificate of Termination of the aforenamed corporation, certifying that the existence of said corporation has this date ceased.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 31st day of March, 2009.

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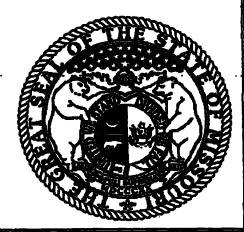


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"We told you so." We, the supporters of SaveAB.com have a right to say it ... but it's not satisfying, it's sad. Instead. let's say proudly "We have not yet begun to fight!"

Founders of SaveAB.com

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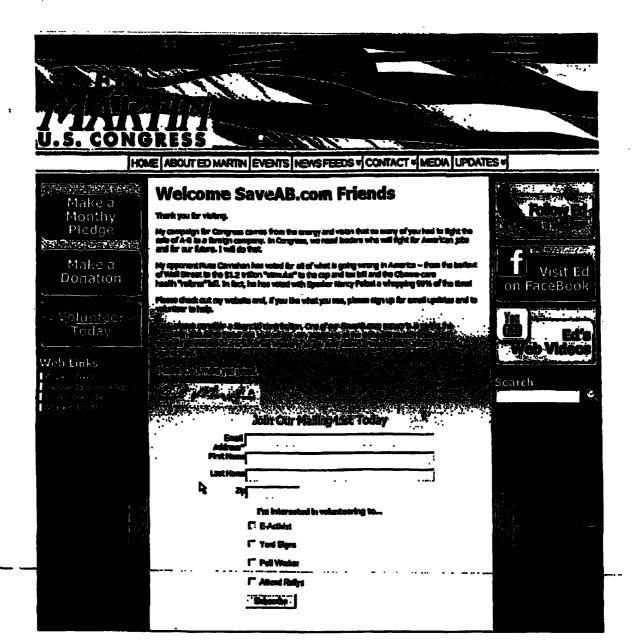


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